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| IX-2 | Description | 27 | - |
| IX-3 | Claims | 3 | - |
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| IX-7 | TOTAL | 52 | |
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| IX-8 | Fee calculation sheet | ✓ | - |
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| IX-19 | Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract | 1 | |
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